

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 9-12, and 14-20 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Changes to the claims as presented herein, are not submitted for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are submitted simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled. Claims 21-24 are canceled.

Claims 1-7, 9-12, and 14-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cloutier et al. (U.S. Patent 6,535,586). The Examiner indicates in point (B) on page 5 of the Office Action, that the feature of generating a summary of an email including information in an attachment file is argued but is not explicitly recited in limitations of the claims. In response, the claims have been amended to recite: “generating a summary of said urgent mail including information from said attached file.” (Claim 1; Claims 5, 10, and 15 contain similar limitations). Accordingly, Applicants reiterate the previous argument that the generated summary includes information from the attached file, so that the user can adequately determine the urgency of the message. Whereas, Cloutier does not discuss generating a summary of an email including

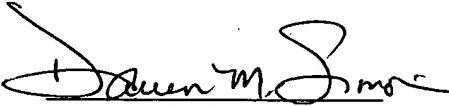
information in an attached file as required in the present claims. Accordingly, Cloutier fails anticipate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

No additional fees are deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment, but if such are, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
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